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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop Amendment P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 5, 2006, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from April 5, 2006 to July 5, 2006.

Please charge the amount of \$510 to cover the required extension fee, and any additional fees or credit any over-payment to PTO Deposit Account No. 13-4895.

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.10:

The undersigned hereby certifies that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated below and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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